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The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"That is merely an academical question."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"Having regard to the action of these persons, will the hon. Minister remove them before their normal term would expire? Why did not the Minister remove them before their term expired in view of the desertion they played?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"There is no question of removal in this matter."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"Does not the hon. Minister think that the nominated members deserted the chairman?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"It may be the opinion of the hon. Member."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"May I know what the hon. the Minister's opinion is, having regard to the circular issued by the Collector to these nominated members?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"It is not necessary to give it now."

Proposed supersession of the Madura Municipal Council.

* 376 *Q.*—Rao Sahib B. Venkataramayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipal Councils sent a report to the Government recommending the supersession of the Madura Municipal Council;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Government asked the Municipal Council, Madura, to show cause against the supersession;

(*c*) what the reply of the Municipal Council was and if no reply was sent, whether the Government know why no reply was sent; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay all the papers including the report of the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipal Councils on the table of this House?

A.—(*a*) One of the courses discussed by the Inspector was the supersession of the Municipal Council.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) & (*d*) The papers have been placed at the disposal of the Press—vide G.O. No. 2871, L. & M., dated 10th August 1931. A copy of the notification directing the supersession of the Municipal Council has also been laid on the table with reference to section 41 (1) of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know whether the report of Inspector of Local Boards will be circulated to Members who ask for it?"

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" The relevant portions of the report have already been given in an answer to a question, and copies of this have been circulated to every Member of this House."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" May I know if before resorting to this drastic step of supersession, the Government considered other measures, for instance, whether they could not have dissolved the Council and have elections held again? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" Well, Sir, they did consider the question most anxiously, and they have stated the reasons in the Government Order on the subject."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" May I know the reasons that prompted the Government to take this drastic step in view of the fact that they could have resorted to milder measures? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" In view of the resolution tabled on this question, I would ask hon. Members to wait for detailed information till it comes up for discussion."

Suggestions for the rearrangement of the wards of the Kumbakonam Municipality.

* 377 *Q.*—Pandit Ganala Ramamurti: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received from the Secretary, Sri Kamakshi Vilas Reading Room Hall, Kumbakonam, a copy of the resolutions passed at its general body meeting, under the presidentship of Mr. N. Natesa Pattar on 22nd August 1931 and from R. Nagarajan, a copy of the resolutions passed at the meeting of the municipal tax-payers of the fifth ward, Kumbakonam, held on 24th August 1931, urging the Government to modify the new arrangement of wards and suggesting a different arrangement of wards; and

(*b*) what orders the Government have passed thereon?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Proposal for the abolition of the collection of professional tax by the local bodies.

* 378 *Q.*—Pandit Ganala Ramamurti: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to abolish the collection of profession-tax by local bodies?

A.—There is no such proposal.